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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT : Recommended Position on PSB D-23 Summary Dated 24 August 1953

1. It is recommended that CIA support PSB D-23 Summary as drafted, dated 24 August 1953, and CIA support PSB D-23 as drafted, dated 25 August 1953, with the following reservations:

a. PSB D-23 altered in accord with the Summary draft has no fundamental differences from PSB D-23, dated 2 July 1953, except those incurred from agreed changes in Summary drafts, dated 19 August 1953 and 21 August 1953, and shown in the Summary draft dated 24 August 1953.

b. That CIA re-emphasize Paragraph 3 of Memorandum for The Director of Central Intelligence, Subject: "Recommended Position on State Proposal to Revise PSB D-23" dated 28 July 1953, in which it is stated: "CIA supports the argument advanced by PSB, in Paragraph 2 of [redacted] memorandum, that Phase II in PSB D-23 is not laid down as a final decision to act but indicated as a direction for contingency planning and preparation '[redacted]' 25X1

25X1 [redacted] 25X1

c. That consideration be given to the interpretation of Paragraph 2 of Section III of the Summary and of Paragraph 3 of Section V of the total plan. The phrase now reads "Planning to be undertaken now for [redacted]" 25X1

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(1) Planning during Phase I, for effective implementation of Phase II, must of necessity provide for the actual development of [redacted] This planning and development will not be in contradiction to the policies established by PSB D-23. Only through planning and development can this Agency achieve the objectives of Phase II securely and expeditiously.

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(2) That CIA interprets the word planning to include the concept of "to devise and project" or to "prepare" for immediate implementation of activities under Phase II, when that implementation is directed. Since the major concept of difference between Phase I and Phse II is in the phrase "extend U. S. influence", CIA feels that it is in harmony with the total plan if the term "planning" is so interpreted or if the word "preparation" is added.

(3) In order to

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(3) In order to obtain the above concept in PSB D-23, it is recommended that the Summary of the Plan, Section III, Paragraph 2, Phase II, and the Plan, Section V, Paragraph 3, Phase II, read as follows:

"Planning and preparations to be undertaken now for [redacted], on the understanding that before Phase II becomes operable it will be reviewed and the views sought of the appropriate American Embassies, of the Southeast Asian Governments involved [redacted] which have a large interest in the implications and possibilities of such a plan."

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(4) It is not anticipated that the strategy envisaged in Phase II would be announced [redacted] during this planning and preparation stage.

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d. This paragraph states facts to support changes recommended above:

(1) CIA accepts the following limiting factors:

(a) Phase II is not operable until authorized.

[redacted]

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[redacted]

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(2) Listed below are those activities in which CIA is currently engaged which will assist in accomplishing Phase I but also will prepare for Phase II.

(a) Under the present emergency program authorized in May 1953, [redacted]

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/(b) Basic training is

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[redacted] 25X1

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(c) Effort is made to orient the individuals being trained toward the United States and the West [redacted] 25X1

(3) The above activities seek to [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] 25X1

25X1 [redacted] engage in the following specific types of preparation:

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(b) Estimate size of groups, their loyalties, leaders, and operational potential.

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(e) Develop PP program directed at countering any lowering of American prestige which has been caused by foreign nations and to create a favorable atmosphere for accomplishment of Phase II operations.

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